Whereas, It is important that all interested parties to this problem be asked to contribute their expert knowledge and assistance in solving this problem; and

Whereas, Emphasis on these health care services should be devoted to provision of preventive medicine to beneficiaries on an ambulatory basis, rather than treatment of the acute illness by hospitalization; and

Whereas, Little, if any, experimentation has taken place in Maryland in this area; and

WHEREAS, Such experimentation and, perhaps adoption of new techniques for delivery of such health services might help alleviate the ever-increasing shortage of health care professions; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the Governor shall call a Conference on Health Care which would explore and encourage experimentation in development of new ideas and methods of delivery of health care services; with consideration being given to programs which are comprehensive, serve a cross-section of socioeconomic groups on a community, area, or statewide basis, with emphasis being placed on organization of health services for ambulatory patients; and be it further

Resolved, That invitations to participate be extended to representatives of various private and nonprofit health care institutions, professional health and medical care organizations, as well as educators, insurance experts, members of allied professions, state officials, and private citizens, all of whom might contribute to the success of such a conference; and be it further

Resolved, That this Conference be directed to make a report to the General Assembly, prior to the convening of the 1970 session.

Approved May 14, 1969.

No. 45

(House Joint Resolution 53)

House Joint Resolution, Urging the State Roads Commission to consider naming the bridge linking Maryland and Virginia on Interstate 495, the "American Legion Memorial Bridge."

WHEREAS, The American Legion was founded in 1919, a short time after the close of World War I, as an organization of wartime veterans dedicated to continuing service to God and Country; and

Whereas, The American Legion this year is observing its fiftieth year as a fraternity of service with a membership comprised of four generations of war veterans; and

Whereas, Its major contributions to American thought and deed and its endeavors to strengthen our freedom and to perpetuate our free institutions have identified The American Legion as one of the great bulwarks of the American way of life; and